18 January 1952 x

Washington R. S. Travis 2268

New York

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TO LEA FROM ASHCRAFT BY SPECIAL SERVICES(TRAVIS)WA 8622
THIS IS SENSITIVE
THIS IS NEW CASE 9145. REFERENCE MADE TO XXXX LEA'S CONVERSATION YESTERDAY WITH TRAVIS AND ROSE REGARDING THE OPC REQUEST FOR CONTACT WITH THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF AMERICA. AS ROSE INDICATED, HE WILL BE IN NEW YORK ON WEDNESDAY, 23 JANUARY, AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET WITH THE APPROPRIATE PERSON OR PERSONS IN RIA TO DISCUSS A COVER CASE. ROSE HAS ADVISED THAT BOTH LEO CHERNE AND CARL HOVGARD HAVE BEEN GIVEN COVERT OPERATIONAL CLEARANCES. FOLLOWING IS THE BACKGROUND OF THIS CASE. THERE IS A MAN BY THE NAME OF WILLIAM J. ACON, PRESENTLY WORKING FOR ECA IN WASHINGTON WHO IS GOING TO RESIGN FROM ECA AND COME WITH CIA, AND WILL GO OVERSEAS FOR OPC. HE IS GOING TO LEAVE ECA SOMETIME AROUND THE END OF THIS MONTH, AND MUST HAVE SOME EXPLANATION AS TO THE REASON FOR HIS RESIGNATION. THEREFORE, OPC WISHES TO XXXXX LOCATE SOME FIRM WHICH WILL BE WILLING TO BACKSTOP XXX ACON'S RESIGNATION, IN THE FORM OF SUPPOSEDLY HIRING ACON. ACON HAS BEEN A RESEARCH ANALYST ON ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS IN ITALY, AND IT IS FELT THAT. PERHAPS, EMPLOYMENT WITH RIA WOULD BE A LOGICAL XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXREASON TO GIVE FOR RESIGNING FROM ECA. THE RIA COVER WILL NOT BE UTILIZED FOR ACON'S COVER OVERSEAS. ABOUT ALL THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED OF RIA WOULD BE TO ACKNOWLEDGE,

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VSECRET TO WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK

TO ASHCRAFT FOR TRAVIS FROM LEA -- SECURITY INFORMATION -- CITE NY 0392

CASE 9145.

THIS IS SENSITIVE. RE W-8622 RPT W-8622. LEO CHERNE RPT LEO CHERNE IS THE MAN. WE HAVE SET UP AN APPOINTMENT FOR NEXT WEDNESDAY AT 3:30 RPT 3:30 PM SO ROSE RPR ROSE BETTER BE HERE IN THIS OFFICE BY 2:30 RPT 2:30 PM.

PLEASE CONFIRM.

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Rose advised. He will be there at 2:30 on 23 Jan.

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TO LEA FROM ASHCRAFT BY SPECIAL SERVICES(TRAVIS)WA 8651

THIS IS SENSITIVE. RE CASE 9145 AND UR NY 0392. ROSE ADVISES T. J HE WILL BE IN YOUR OFFICE BY 2:30 PM on WEDNESDAY, 23xx 23 JANUARY. THANKS VERY MUCH.

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WILLIAM JACOB ACOH

Background Information:

Born April 6, 1921 in Amsterdam, Netherlands
Single
American citizen

Education: Amsterdam High School - Amsterdam, Netherlands
St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri - ASTP 6/43-?/44
Georgetown Foreign Service School - 2 yrs. 6/47-8/48
University of Chicago - M.A. in International Economic Relations in 1951

Languages: German, Dutch, French and Italian

M.A. Thesis: "Post-war Economic Recovery in the Netherlands and The Marshall Plan". (received honors)

Employment Record:

June 1950 - present International Economist, GS-7, in European Program Division of ECA. Mainly concerned with Italian and Trieste economic affairs. Analyzed economic and financial position of Italy in light of ECA aid program, and handled administration of the aid program itself. Also prepared two, three and four year forecasts designed to show expected economic trends and developments in Italy. These were included in the ECA congressional presentations.

Oct. 47 - June '48 Research analyst in Historical Division of Department of the Army. Engaged in selection of and formulation of reports on German documents which shed light on the West Europe campaign.

Oct. 46 - Feb. 47 Archivist in Office of Military Government for Germany, Department of the Army. Served as chief of the Documents Library, collected reports, dispatches, cables, etc and developed an index system.

Jan. 45 - Aug 45 Assistant to Food and Agriculture Officer with Military Gov't Section of Hq. Twelfth Army Group. Duties consisted mainly of availability and requirements studies connected with food needs of the German population

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SECRET TO WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK

TO ASHCRAFT FOR TRAVIS FROM LEA -- SECURITY INFORMATION -- CITE NY 0470

THIS IS SENSITIVE.

CASE 9145.

THE MEETING TODAY WITH CHERNE RPT CHERNE WAS COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL.

WHEN HE GETS BACK TO WASHINGTON, ROSE IS GOING TO SUBMIT TO US THROUGH YOU ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON ACON RPT ACON WHICH WE WILL TURN OVER TO CHERNE.

WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT WHEN ACON MAKES HIS PITCH AT ECA RPT ECA AND TELLS THEM THAT HE IS BEING OFFERED A JOB WITH THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF AMERICA THAT HE STRESS THE NAME OF LEO CHERNE WHO ACTUALLY WILL BE THE ONLY PERSON WHO WILL BE ABLE TO BACK UP THIS STORY.

Discussed with Rose. He will furnish data to us.
Copy sent to Rose

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25 January 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Backstopping of Cover by the Research Institute of America

1. Pursuant to conversations between Mr. Rose and Mr. Engels of CIA/opc and Mr. Travis of OO/Contacts, an appointment was made for Mr. Rose to see Mr. Leo Cherne, Executive Secretary of the Research Institute of America, 292 Madison Avenue, New York City, to explore the willingness of Mr. Cherne to backstop the cover story of a proposed agent in training. The appointment was made, and kept, for Wednesday morning, 23 January 1952 in New York City in the presence of Mr. Clark of the New York branch of the Contacts Division.

2. The proposed story of the agent in question, who had been employed on the economic research side of ECA specializing in Italy, was that he wished to resign from ECA and take up an offer to be extended to him in civilian employment. Since the Research Institute of America seemed to fit in naturally with his background and activities in ECA, Mr. Cherne was asked:

a. If he would backstop the agent's story that he was quitting ECA to take employment with the Research Institute of America during his three months period of training with CIA, and

b. Whether he would in fact employ the agent and send him as a representative of the Institute to Italy at the conclusion of his period of training.

Mr. Cherne replied that unfortunately the latter was impossible inasmuch as his company did not send personnel overseas in any capacity. As regards the immediate backstopping of the agent's story, however, Mr. Cherne said that he would be happy to oblige for a period of training only, to wit, three months, after which other cover would have to be sought. Mr. Cherne requested that he be furnished at an early date with more complete information as to what was to be expected of him in his role as a backstop and further stated that he would like to meet the agent personally as soon as could be arranged. This has been communicated to Mr. Engels, the case officer, who will oblige at the earliest opportunity.

3. This case

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3. This case may be referred to for further discussion and/or information as Case Number C/101.

EDWARD A. ROSE
OD/OP

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25 Jan 52

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7 February 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Edward A. Rose

SUBJECT: Cover Story for Research Institute of America

1. Mr. Acon, who has his MA in International Economic Relations from the University of Chicago, has been working for ECA. He has been hired by the Research Institute of America to do economic research and writing for their weekly newsletter on economic subjects having to do with Western Europe. (Mr. Acon knows Dutch, German, French and Italian.) It could be admitted that he would like eventually to do such writing abroad, but has not yet found a way.

2. His hiring may be delayed for some time. Mr. Leo Cherne will be informed when the story is to be used. By that time, Mr. Acon will have called on Mr. Cherne.

DANIEL J. WHEALTON
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WE-4 X3863	DATE 7 Feb 52

TO	ROOM NO	DATE REC'D	DATE FWD'D	OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS
1. OD/OP Mr. Ross	1704 L	Feb 7 1952	Feb 8 1952	[initials]	Bob — Would you please see that the New York Office gets this to pass on to LC as verbally arranged. [initials] C/10
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Chief, New York Office 13 February 1952

Chief, Contact Division

Case 9145

1. When Rose of OPC was in New York on 23 January 1952 to discuss cover with Mr. Leo Cherne, Executive Secy. of the Research Institute of America, Mr. Cherne requested additional information as to what was to be expected of him in his role as a backstop to the cover being established for the OPC man. The following information has been forwarded by OPC, and is quoted below. Mr. Rose requests that you pass this information on to Mr. Cherne.

a. "Mr. Acon, who has his MA in International Economic Relations from the University of Chicago, has been working for ECA. He has been hired by the Research Institute of America to do economic research and writing for their weekly newsletter on economic subjects having to do with Western Europe. (Mr. Acon knows Dutch, German, French and Italian.) It could be admitted that he would like eventually to do such writing abroad, but has not yet found a way.

b. "His hiring may be delayed for some time. Mr. Leo Cherne will be informed when the story is to be used. By that time, Mr. Acon will have called on Mr. Cherne."

2. We are closing this case. Should further action be required, we will reopen.

E. M. ASHCRAFT

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SECRET OO WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK

TO ASHCRAFT FOR SPECIAL SERVICES (TRAVIS) FROM LEA -- SECURITY INFORMATION -- CITE NY 2315

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CASE 9145.

1. WILL YOU TELL ROSE RPT ROSE THAT THE APPOINTMENT WITH LEO CHERNE RPT LEO CHERNE HAS BEEN SET UP FOR WEDNESDAY, 4 RPT 4 JUNE AT 11:30 RPT 11.30 A.M.

2. PLEASE CONFIRM.

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3 June Rose advised - he will make appointment
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TO LEA FROM ASHCRAFT BY SPECIAL SERVICES (TRAVIS)W 1301

CASE 9145 AND UR NY 2315. ROSE ADVISES THAT HE WILL KEEP APPOINTMENT WITH CHERNE AS SET-UP IN YOUR XXXXXXXX MESSAGE.

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Chief, Contact Division, OO — 19 May 1952

Chief, Cover Division, PLANS/OSO

Appointment with William A. BARRON, John E. TOULMIN and Leo CHERNE

Reference: CS-1512 and CS-1337

1. This will confirm Mr. Rose's verbal request that the Contact Division/OO ask its Boston field office to arrange appointments for Mr. Edward Rose of Cover Division, PLANS/OSO, to see Mr. William A. Barron, Chairman of the Board, Gillette Safety Razor Company, and Mr. John E. Toulmin, Senior Vice President of the First National Bank of Boston, at their convenience on Wednesday May 21, 1952. The purpose of the visit is to explore the willingness of these gentlemen to act as ostensible donors of funds to support a current operation.

2. This will also confirm Mr. Rose's request that the New York City field office of the Contact Division/OO arrange an appointment for Mr. Rose to see Mr. Leo Cherne, President of the Research Institute of America at Mr. Cherne's convenience on Thursday May 22, 1952. Mr. Cherne, who has for some time been backstopping the activities of an agent in this country, has apparently expressed willingness to provide cover for this agent abroad. The purpose of the interview is to discuss more fully Mr. Cherne's proposal. Cover Division would be happy to have an OO field office representative present to insure continuity.

3. As a result of the above requests, Mr. Barron found to his regret that he was unable to cooperate with the Agency at the present time. Mr. Toulmin, on the other hand, was most cooperative. Mr. Cherne, unfortunately, was out of town. The New York field office has been asked to try to arrange a meeting with Mr. Cherne, as outlined above, for Wednesday afternoon, June 4, 1952.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

CS-1337 (Rose)

TO : Chief, Contact Division, OO

DATE: 6 June 1952

FROM : Chief, Cover Division, PLANS/OSO

SUBJECT: Field Trip to Interview Leo CHERNE

Reference: CS-1337

Case 9145

1. On Wednesday, June 4, 1952, an interview was arranged by the Contact Division, OO, for Mr. Rose of the Cover Division, PLANS/OSO with Mr. Leo Cherne, President of the Research Institute of America. The meeting was held at 11:30 a.m. in Mr. Cherne's office at 292 Madison Avenue, New York City, and Mr. Rose was accompanied by Mr. Clark of the New York field office of Contact Division, OO.

2. Mr. Cherne, who is currently backstopping an operation within the United States, had expressed the wish to be provided with some form of letter indicating that the Agency was requesting his cooperation, and the purpose of the interview was to inform Mr. Cherne that this was against Agency policy.

3. This information was accordingly conveyed by Mr. Clark and Mr. Rose to Mr. Cherne who accepted it with good grace. In reply to a question by Mr. Rose he indicated that this refusal would in no way mitigate his desire to be of service to the Agency.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Files | DATE: 4 MARCH 1954

FROM : Coleman

SUBJECT: Case [illegible] 9145

On 3 March Ormond requested that a meeting be set up for him with Leo Cherne, President of the Research Institute of America. Ormond said that he would not need more than a half an hour. Called Connor who had Bob McCann set up meeting with Cherne for Monday(8th March) at 3:00 p.m. Ormond will go to the New York Office at 2:15 on Monday to meet McCann and take off for the meeting. This meeting was requested as a Cat III, and McCann will have to bow out after introduction. Ormond is happy, New York is happy.

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ROUTINE

TO LEA FOR CONNOR FROM ASHCRAFT BY SUPPORT (COLEMAN)
CASE XXXX 9145. RE CONNOR/COLEMAN TELECONS OF 3 MARCH. ORMOND WILL BE IN YOUR OFFICE AT 2:15, MONDAY THE 8TH OF MARCH PRIOR TO THE CAT XXX APPOINTMENT YOU HAVE ARRANGED FOR HIM WITH LEO CHERNE. THANKS.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

CS-1337 (Ormond)

TO : Chief, Contact Division, OO

DATE: 4 March 1954

FROM : Chief, FI/Plans/Cover Division

SUBJECT: Requested meeting with Leo Cherne
OO/C Case 9145

1. On 3 March 1954, Mr. Coleman of your office was requested by Mr. Ormond to arrange a Category III meeting for him with Leo Cherne of Research Institute of America, 292 Madison Avenue, New York City. The identity of an agent and the area in which he will be stationed will be discussed. On the same date Mr. Coleman informed that the appointment had been made for 3:00 PM on 8 March 1954. Ormond was requested to arrive at the New York OO/C office between 2:00 - 2:15 PM to meet Bob McCann who will accompany him to Cherne's office and make the introduction.

2. Cover Division appreciates the assistance rendered by your office. Mr. Ormond will follow the above instructions.

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17 March 1954
CS-1337 (Ormond)

MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Contact Division, OO

FROM : Chief, FI/Plans/Cover Division

SUBJECT : OO/C case 9145

1. On 8 March 1954, pursuant to arrangements that had been made by your office, Bob McCann of your New York office introduced Mr. Ormond to Mr. Leo Cherne of the Research Institute of America, 292 Madison Avenue, New York City. As a Category III interview had been requested, Mr. McCann departed soon after the introduction was made.

2. We would like to inform you that Mr. Cherne was cordial and agreed to cooperate with the Agency as requested.

3. On 15 March 1954, Mr. Ormond again met with Mr. Cherne in his office at New York City to discuss further the operational matter. You were previously informed of Ormond's appointment on 15 March 1954 and while in New York on that day, he visited your New York office.

4. Your assistance in this matter is indeed appreciated by Cover Division.

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ROUTINE

FOR CONNOR
TO LEA/FROM ASHCRAFT BY SUPPORT(COLEMAN) 2499

CASE 9145. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, OLIVER ORMOND WILL BE IN NEW YORK ON 23 MARCH FOR A 10:30 A.M. MEETING WITH ~~XXX~~ LEO CHERNE. HE WILL COME TO THE NEW YORK OFFICE ABOUT 1 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELIVERING A CHECK TO AMOS BELDEN INRE CASE 8417.

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CONNOR FROM SUPPORT (TRAVIS) WA 8244

CASE 9145 REOPENED. RAY MILLARD HAS REQUESTED THAT YOU TRY TO ~~XXX~~ SET UP APPOINTMENT FOR HIM WITH LEO CHERNE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE FOR SOMETIME NEXT WEEK. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WILL BE TO SEE CHERNE ABOUT ~~XXX~~ EXTENDING COVER ARRANGEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF TIME. REQUEST THAT THIS APPOINTMENT BE COORDINATED WITH ONE REQUESTED FOR MILLARD UNDER CASE 18945 (COLEMAN). THANKS VERY MUCH.

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CASE 9145 X 9145

RAY MILLARD X RAY MILLARD HAS APPOINTMENT WITH LEO CHERNE X LEO CHERNE ON THURSDAY, 26 X 26 JANUARY AT 2 PM X 2 PM. CHERNE'S ADDRESS IS 292 X 292 MADISON AVE.

APPOINTMENT UNDER CASE 18945 X 18945 IS FOR SAME DAY AT 3 PM X 3 PM.

SUGGEST RAY MILLARD DROP BY THIS OFFICE AT 1:30 PM ON 26 X 26 JANUARY X AT 1:30 PM ON 26 JANUARY, BEFORE HIS MEETING WITH CHERNE.

PLEASE CONFIRM.

20 Jan
Millard advised
and I will make appt
& contact office

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MCCANN FROM SUPPORT (TRAVIS) WA 8456

CASES 9145 AND 18945. REUR ED NYCR 1191. MILLARD WILL MAKE APPOINTMENTS AS SET UP BY YOU. HE WILL CHECK INTO THE OFFICE BY 1:00 PM ON THE 26TH. THANKS VERY MUCH.

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SUPPORT (TRAVIS) FROM MCCANN

CASE 9145 X 9145

MILLARD HAD SUCCESSFUL MEETING WITH LEO CHERNE WHO AGREED TO PROPOSITION

MILLARD WILL DRAFT A LETTER FOR CHERNE WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO [illegible].

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CS-1337 (Millard) 9145-RST
2 February 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Contact Division, OO

SUBJECT : Research Institute of America

1. On 26 January 1956, Mr. Millard of this office, together with Mr. Robert McCann, New York OO/C Office, interviewed Mr. Leo Cherne of the above captioned organization.

2. The results of this meeting were extremely satisfactory for our purposes and we are deeply appreciative of Mr. McCann's assistance in this matter.

3. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Fred R. Youngblood
for John G. Southard
Chief, CCB/OC

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DRAFT

Dear ______________:

I am happy to know that you are agreeable to assisting on a continuing basis as set out in your recent communication. However, this letter is being prepared to formalize our understanding and to make it a matter of record.

Effective April 1, 1956, you are appointed a Research Consultant for a period of two years with an annual salary of $5,000.00.

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CS-1337 (Millard)
2 February 1956

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Robert McCann
New York OO/C Office

SUBJECT : Research Institute of America

1. Attached is a suggested draft of the proposed Letter of Understanding between Mr. Cherne and his special employee.

2. In addition to the two paragraphs set out in the draft, it is suggested that Mr. Cherne also include either: (a) a brief general statement of the duties and responsibilities or (b) a statement indicating that the employee will continue the agreed-upon functions.

3. Another paragraph might be inserted with reference to the employee's past satisfactory performance.

4. For Mr. Cherne's information, the employee has had another article published in the New Leader which was issued on 23 January 1956, under the title "Poujadists".

5. We appreciate your and Mr. Cherne's courtesy and cooperation in this matter.

Raymond . Millard
Central Cover Branch
Non-Official Cover

Attachment
As stated above

REM:dmw
cc: CS-1337

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CS-1337 (Millard)
2 February 1956 9145-RST

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Contact Division, OO

SUBJECT : Research Institute of America

This is confirm the verbal concurrence given to Mr. Millard on 2 February 1956 by Mr. Travis for the hand-carry of the original of the attached memorandum to Mr. Robert McCann, New York OO/C Office.

Fred R. Youngblood
for John G. Southard
Chief, SCB/NC

Attachment
As stated above

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R. S. Travis 2268

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MCCANN FROM SUPPORT (TRAVIS) W 9789

CASE 9145. MILLARD WONDERS IF YOU HAVE HAD ANY SUCCESS IN OBTAIN CHERNE'S SIGNATURE ON THE LETTER FORWARDED TO YOU IN DRAFT FORM ON 2 FEB? WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS. THANKS.

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SUPPORT (TRAVIS) FROM MCCANN

CASE 9145 X 9145.

CHERNE HAS WRITTEN AND DISPATCHED THE LETTER.

WE HAVE COPY OF THE LETTER HERE, WHICH APPROXIMATES PROPOSED DRAFT BY MILLARD.

17 Feb 56
Millard advised
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2 March 56

Washington

New York

MCCANN FROM SUPPORT (TRAVIS) WA 0350

CASE 9145. XXX MILLARE ADVISES THAT COPY OF LETTER WRITTEN BY CHERNE WAS SENT TO HEADQUARTERS ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO. LETTER WAS NOT RECEIVED. YOUR NYOR 1685 INDICATED THAT YOU HAD COPY, BUT NO RECORD HERE OF XXXXXXXXXXXXXX A COPY EVER COMING TO HEADQUARTEES. WILL YOU PLEASE FORWARD COPY. THANKS VERY MUCH.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Chief, Contact Division
Attn : Support (Travis)

DATE: 5 March 1956

FROM : Chief, New York Office

SUBJECT: Case 9145 PST
WA 0350

1. We mistakenly advised Mr. Raymond Millard, last week, that we had forwarded to your division a copy of the letter which Leo Cherne had dispatched to Mr. [ ]. As you pointed out in your WA 0350 we merely advised you that we had a copy and did not forward it to Headquarters.

2. Attached you will find a replica of the letter written by Mr. Cherne.

Charles A. Lea

R.W. McCanner:cr
Attachment

7 Mar 56
letter fwd to Millard.

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Research Institute of America

CS-1337. Case 9145

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Cherne is aware that our boy is writing for a magazine named ______ (Sam Reporter of New Leader). However the editor of this magazine is going to the area where our man is located, but is not witting.

√ Leo may know editor and ~~[illegible]~~ boy is going to tell Editor that he ^does some^ ~~works~~

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for Leo and other.

In the event that the Editor knows Leo, and should see Leo and mentions the agent and the writing relationship, Cherne is not to identify the agent with CIA.

Boy will send in report of his conversation with Editor so that if necessary, Leo Cherne can be advised of it.

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MCCANN FROM SUPPORT (TRAVIS) WA 8598

CASE 9145. RAY MILLARD HAS REQUESTED THAT YOU XXX PASS SOME INFORMATION ON TO LEO CHERNE. XXXXXXX YOU KNOW, AS DOES CHERNE, THAT XXXX OUR MAN WHO IS DOING WORK FOR LEO, HAS ALSO BEEN WRITING FOR THE "NEW LEADER", AS WELL AS XXXXX DOING OTHER JOBS. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE EDITOR OF THE "NEW LEADER", S. LEVITAS, IS GOING TO TAKE A TRIP TO THE AREA WHERE OUR BOY IS LOCATED, AND WILL SEE HIM. WHEN OUR BOY SEES LEVITAS, HE IS GOING TO TELL HIM THAT HE DOES SOME WORK FOR LEO CHERNE, AND OTHERS, BESIDES SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR THE "NEW LEADER". HE WILL NOT OF COURSE, IDENTIFY HIMSELF WITH THE AGENCY. LEVITAS IS UNWITTING OF ANY AGENCY RELATIONSHIP, AND IT IS DESIRED THAT IT BE KEPT THIS WAY. ON THE OFF CHANCE THAT CHERNE MAY KNOW LEVITAS, AND X ON THE FURTHER CHANCE THAT UPON HIS RETURN TO THE US, LEVITAS MAY SEE CHERNE AND TELL HIM THAT HE RAN INTO OUR BOY, WHO INDICATED THAT HE WAS DOING SOME WORK FOR CHERNE, WILL YOU TELL CHERNE, as soon as possible, THAT LEVITAS IS NOT WITTING OF THE FACT THAT THE XXXX BOY IS CONNECTED WITH THE AGENCY, AND THAT HE SHOULD NOT INDICATE TO LEVITAS XXXX OR ASSUME THAT LEVITAS KNOWS, XX THE AGENCY RELATIONSHIP. THANKS VERY MUCH.

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SUPPORT FROM MCCANN

CASE 9145 X 9145

SEP 20 1 36 PM '56

1. ON 19 X 19 SEPTEMBER WE ADVISED LEO CHERNE X LEO CHERNE OF THE CONTENTS OF YOUR WA-8598 X 8598. CHERNE, AS IT TURNED OUT, KNOWS S. LEVITAS X S. LEVITAS AND CONSIDERS HIM TO BE A VERY HIGH-TYPE, PATRIOTIC INDIVIDUAL.

2. WE EXPLAINED TO CHERNE THAT LEVITAS WOULD NO X NO DOUBT SEE OUR MAN ABROAD AND CAUTIONED CHERNE THAT HE SHOULD NOT X NOT ASSUME THAT LEVITAS KEW OF ANY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE MAN INVOLVED AND THE AGENCY. CHERNE REPLIED THAT HE WOULD IN NO X NO WAY INDICATE THAT SUCH A RELATIONSHIP EXISTED.

3. RAY MILLARD X RAY MILLARD WAS INFORMED DURING HIS VISIT TO NEW YORK THAT CHERNE HAD BEEN SO ADVISED.

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CASE 9145 X 9145

THIS IS IN REFERENCE TO A REQUEST MILLARD X MILLARD OF COVER DIV. MADE TO LEA X LEA IN WRITING CONCERNING THE FEAR OF OUR AGENT IN PARIS THAT HIS COVER MAY HAVE BEEN BLOWN BY HIS SISTER, MEETING MR. JOSEPH ARDLEIGH X JOSEPH ARDLEIGH OF THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND TELLING HIM THAT HER BROTHER WAS IN PARIS WORKING FOR SAID INSTITUTE.

CHERNE X CHERNE WAS APPRAISED OF THE SITUATION ON 14 X 14 FEBRUARY AND HE REQUESTS THE FOLLOWING:

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1. PLEASE ADVISE HIM OF THE NAME OF THE SISTER WHO MET MR. ARDLEIGH. (WE ASSUME FROM THE GIST OF HIS QUESTION THAT HE WANTS TO BE ABSOLUTELY SURE WHICH AGENT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT)

2. HE REQUESTS THAT JOSEPH ARDLEIGH BE MADE WITTING OF THE OPERATION FOR OBVIOUS REASONS.

WE WILL SEND BIO X BIO DATA ON ARDLEIGH AS SOON AS CHERNE MAKES IT AVAILABLE TO US.

PLEASE SEND US THE NAME OF THE SISTER SO THAT WE CAN MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO CHERNE.

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15 Feb Copy fwd to Holland

Holland advised and will get sister's name. He also wants bio data on Ardleigh

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SUPPORT FROM MAJOR

REF. NYOR 6845 X 6845

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE BIO. X BIO INFORMATION ON JOSEPH D. ARDLEIGH X JOSEPH D. ARDLEIGH, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF AMERICA, INC., 589 X 539 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

HE WAS BORN 24 MAY 1914 X 24 MAY 1914 AT SCRANTON, PENN.
HIS PRESENT HOME ADDRESS IS ALDEN ROAD, GREENWICH, CONN.
HE WAS PREVIOUSLY CONNECTED WITH THE LAW FIRM OF MILBANK, TWEED, HOPE AND WEBB OF NEW YORK, THE HOOVER COMPANY OF NORTH CANTON, OHIO, HAD HIS OWN BUSINESS WHICH WAS KNOWN AS SALES METHODS INC., ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NEW YORK.
HE JOINED THE RESEARCH INST. 1939 X 1939.

PLEASE ASSIGN CASE NUMBER TO THESE EFFORTS.

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Washington R. S. Travis 2268

New York 14330 Secret

FROM SUPPORT (TRAVIS)WA

CASE 9145. REUR NYOR 6845. MILLARD ADVISES THAT THE NAME OF THE SISTER WHO MET MR. ARDLEIGH IS MRS. HELEN B. BLODGETT(MRS. EMMONS). BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON ARDLEIGH RECEIVED AND MILLARD IS INITIATING SECURITY CLEARANCE ON HIM. WE WILL ADVISE YOU AS SOON AS IT IS RECEIVED.

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New York

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CONMOR FROM SUPPORT(TRAVIS)WA 21187

RE CLOSED CASE 9145. MILLARD OF COVER HAS REQUESTED THAT WE TRY TO DETERMINE WHEN LEO CHERNE WILL RETURN TO NYC. IT APPEARS THAT OUR BOY, [illegible] FOR WHOM CHERNE IS PROVIDING COVER, IS BACK IN THE STATES ON LEAVE, AND WHEN HE TRIED TO CONTACT CHERNE, FOUND THAT HE WAS OUT OF TOWN. WILL YOU PLEASE SEE IF YOU CAN FIND OUT DESIRED INFORMATION. THANKS.

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SUPPORT (TRAVIS) FROM DAME

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CLOSED CASE 9145 X 9145

REUR WA 21187 X 21187

1. MISS KREUGER X KREUGER, LEO CHERNE'S X LEO CHERNE'S SECRETARY, ADVISES HE IS EXPECTED BACK IN NYC 19 X 19 AUGUST, EXACT HOUR UNKNOWN X UNKNOWN.

2. ANYTHING FURTHER?

13 Aug 57 Millard advised. He will advise if action

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New York

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DANE FROM SUPPORT(TRAVIS)WA 21593

CASE 9145(CLOSED). REUR NYOR 9236 AND LEO CHERNE. XXXXXXX AT THE PRESENT TIME THERE IS NOTHING FURTHER TO BE DONE. THANKS FOR YOUR ANSWER.

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MEMORANDUM TO FILE

INDIVIDUAL	DATE	ACTION
Fred Engel	26 Dec.	Engel came up at Rose's suggestion to discuss a need for cover. Engel has a man now working for ECA who is coming with OPC at the end of January. Engel desires an interim back-stop which the ECA man can give to ECA as a reason for his leaving ECA. Engel desires some organization which will be used as the new employer of the ECA man, and which will be willing to acknowledge, if necessary, that they have hired the man. OPC is working on a permanent cover to send the man to Italy on a research program, but must await clearance on the outfit. The latter is believed to be the National Planning Association. Engel is submitting biographic data on the ECA man so that the organization who will backstop the man will have full knowledge of the man. Rose has assigned case # C101 to this case
Rose	10 Jan	Rose brought biographic on Engel's man. Rose indicated he may want to go to NY to contact a [illegible] re the cover. Travis raised the question as to whether or not the NY field office could make preliminary inquiry. Rose will advise. He wants to see Research Inst. of Amer.
	11 Feb	Close case
Holly	17 Mar	Holly requests that we make an appointment for Aeon with Cherne for 18 or 19 March. Aeon will approach Cherne without CIA representative
Clarke (NY)	17 Mar	Clarke advises that Aeon should call direct to Cherne as the latter is expecting the call to come through that way. Aeon can use Clarke's name if necessary. Hollis notified but she doesn't like it & she will call back. Clarke will tell Cherne and [illegible] to expect call. Clarke advises [illegible] will [illegible] until [illegible] IR-1188. Oz advised.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Chief, Contact Division, OO

FROM : Chief, Cover Division, PLANS/OSO

SUBJECT: Appointment with William A. BARRON, and Leo CHERNE

Reference: CS-1512 and CS-1537

1. This will confirm Mr. Rose's verbal request that Contact Division/OO ask its Boston field office to arrange appointments for Mr. Edward Rose of Cover Division, PLANS to see Mr. William A. Barron, Chairman of the Board, Gillette Safety Razor Company, and Mr. John E. Toulmin, Senior Vice President of the First National Bank of Boston, at their convenience on Wednesday May 21, 1952. The purpose of the visit is to explore the willingness of these gentlemen to act as ostensible donors of funds to support a current operation.

2. This will also confirm Mr. Rose's request that the New York City field office of the Contact Division/OO arrange an appointment for Mr. Rose to see Mr. Leo Cherne, President of the Research Institute of America at Mr. Cherne's convenience on Thursday May 22, 1952. Mr. Cherne, who has for some time been backstopping the activities of an agent in this country, has apparently expressed willingness to provide cover for this agent abroad. The purpose of the interview is to discuss more fully Mr. Cherne's proposal. Cover Division would be happy to have an OO field office representative present to insure continuity.

3. As a result of the above requests, Mr. Barron found to his regret that he was unable to cooperate with the Agency at the present time. Mr. Toulmin, on the other hand, was most cooperative. Mr. Cherne, unfortunately, was out of town. The New York field office has been asked to try to arrange a meeting with Mr. Cherne, as outlined above, for Wednesday afternoon, June 4, 1952.

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